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LIFESAVER: Sophomore David Christworth waits for the hand of a Red Cross employee to draw his blood. The blood drive is being held in the Union Multipurpose room.

TYLER STABLE

University Red Cross blood drives rely on student support to save lives

By Danielle Rice
Reporter

The University holds four blood drives each year, and the first one kicked off Tuesday morning and will finish today.

From 11 a.m.-5 p.m., students can head to the Union

Multipurpose room to volunteer or donate blood.

American Red Cross Wood County Donor Recruitment representative Heather Haynes is expecting a good turnout.

"We usually get a good turnout but not as big as I would

like considering the population of the student body," she said. "It's important for students to come out, because one student can potentially save up to three lives. The Red Cross collects 300 units a day to supply 23 hospitals."

Junior Zach Esposito said he is not a first-time donor, but getting his blood drawn

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Blood in the Bank

Enrollment numbers spark high hopes

By Heather Linder
Editor-in-Chief

University officials have high hopes for the institution's future.

The official enrollment counts are in, and not only are more students pursuing a University education, but they are also taking more credit hours and maintaining record-high levels of academic success, according to data provided by University Institutional Research.

The official enrollment, taken approximately two weeks into classes, records 3,841 freshmen, the second-largest class in the school's history. Freshman retention rate is up 2.3 percent from last year, with 76.8 percent of last year's freshmen returning for a second year.

University President Carol Cartwright attributed the rising recruitment and retention to a strong partnership between academic affairs and student affairs.

The University worked hard to attract new students, and officials said their approach went back to the fundamentals.

"We did it the old-fashioned way," Cartwright said, "by telling the story of the value of a BGSU education."

And as more students pour onto campus each day, on average undergraduates are taking 1.8 percent more credit hours than last year, helping them graduate on time, said Director of Admissions Gary Swegan.

But higher enrollment and course loads have not lowered the University's academic standards.

The average ACT score for entering freshmen was 21.9, down slightly from last year's average of 22, but the figure has remained steady for more than 10 years.

"We are not an open enrollment institution," said Senior Director of Communications Dave Kilmeyer. "We are still moderately selective. That hasn't changed."

Officials are confident this year's rising numbers are not a fluke, but a sign of strong growth toward a continued trend of student interest in the University and high academic standards.

"This is what we need to be

doing year after year after year," Cartwright said. "We lost our way a bit back, but we're back on a strong path. We can sustain this growth going forward."

Fall 2010 Enrollment BY THE NUMBERS:

All information provided by
University Institutional Research and
the Office of Admissions

- Number of enrolled students:
 - Fall 2009 - 17,366
 - Fall 2010 - 17,705
 - Increase - 2 percent
- Freshmen enrolled:
 - Fall 2009 - 3,166
 - Fall 2010 - 3,841
 - Increase - 21.32 percent
- Total student credit hours:
 - Fall 2009 - 231,832
 - Fall 2010 - 233,221
 - Increase - 0.6 percent
- Projected freshman retention rate:
 - Fall 2009 - 74.5 percent
 - Fall 2010 - 76.8 percent
 - Increase - 2.3 percent

High vacancy rates cause concern for mayor, city council

While fewer vacancies exist this year versus last, city may have to adjust tax levels

By Christine Talbert
Reporter

The number of apartment complex vacancies in the city has dropped since last year, but is still high enough to cause concern among the city councilmembers.

Some details were discussed during Mayor John Quinn's official report at Tuesday's city council meeting about how the city plans

to address the issue.

"I'm particularly concerned about the vacancy rate in apartment complexes right now," Quinn said. "In 2009 the vacancy rate was just over 20 percent, this year it has gone down slightly to 17.4 percent. This is still a very high percentage; higher than we've experienced in several years."

Councilman Terry Dunn asked the Mayor what a normal vacancy

percentage was for the city if all apartment complexes were full but still included a couple of vacancies because of turnovers.

"In years past, we've had vacancy rates around 10 percent which is relatively normal," Quinn said. "Recently, with the addition of large complexes like the Enclave II and

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Faculty Association reaches out for support in unionization vote efforts

By Alissa Widman
Reporter

Before the vote for a possible faculty union, Faculty Association members will try to rally some last minute support despite criticism from University administration.

With a looming voting window from Sept. 28 through Oct. 12, the FA held a final open chapter meeting in the Union Tuesday evening to discuss the case for a union and how to address upcoming challenges.

President David Jackson said the FA will "stay on its own message" and won't be "stuck in the past."

"We need to give people hope and explain why collective bargaining is the best option for the future," he said. "We won't get caught up in the 'he said, she said' issues."

But Jackson also said part of election preparation is taking the time to reply to messages from administrators directed at faculty members and employees through various electronic media.

The most recent message was posted on the University's website Tuesday by Ken Borland, senior vice president for academic affairs and provost. It highlights a series of forums Borland will host to address concerns and answer questions related to a possible union.

In the message, Borland admits he has been sharing his views about a union "over the last several months through e-mail."

Jackson said the FA's approach is slightly different.

"We want to be positive and we consider our message to be positive."

Karen Craig | Faculty Association

"We will continue to make the argument in favor of collective bargaining in every medium possible," Jackson said. "But we also want to spend time listening to faculty members, rather than speaking."

FA secretary Candace Archer said one of the most significant projects the FA has prioritized are office visits with full-time faculty members across campus — with an "ambitious goal" of reaching out to all faculty members by election time.

"We really need to hear everyone's opinion," she said. "Even if someone may disagree with collective bargaining, after talking with them, I realize that many of us still agree about a lot of things."

Since October 2009, more than 600 of about 815 full-time faculty members have been reached, Archer said, and more than half of those office visits took place after May.

"It's all about community," she said. "I've met so many faculty members through my office visits, and after reaching out, I've never felt more connected to them and this campus."

Karen Craig, director of com-

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Massive grave discovered

Officials in Slovenia discovered a mass grave of 700 bodies from the World War II-era, who died after being shot or axed by antifascists | **Page 3**

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Avoid footwear fashion faux pas

Columnist James Bero explores more University fashion crimes, arguing that students who wear Uggs boots in the summer and socks with sandals do not look as good as they think | **Page 4**

SPORTS

BG men's golf finishes third

Sophomores Wes Gates and Charlie Olson paced the Falcons with +9 at the Tiger Intercollegiate at Verona, N.Y. over the weekend | **Page 6**

PEOPLE ON THE STREET

What is your least favorite fashion trend?

ELI WAETERLING
Freshman, Marketing

"I hate scarves on guys." | **Page 4**



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WTC steel columns to be installed at museum

NEW YORK (AP) — Steel columns salvaged from the rubble of the World Trade Center are heading back to ground zero.

Two 70-foot columns taken from the wreckage of the north tower are being permanently installed Tuesday at the entrance to the Sept. 11 museum.

The 50-ton columns have three prongs and are known as tridents. They made up the facade at the tower's entrance. For the past few years they've been kept at a hangar at John F. Kennedy International Airport with other material recovered from the destroyed World Trade Center site.

The \$45 million museum is being built below the 8-acre memorial plaza. It's set to open next year.

2 of 3 holdout unions at Philly papers to vote

PHILADELPHIA — Creditors poised to take over Philadelphia's two major newspapers could inch closer to a sale if three holdout labor groups approve contract offers this week.

A U.S. judge has given creditors until Sept. 14 to wrap up the thorny, 18-month bankruptcy sale of The Philadelphia Inquirer and Philadelphia Daily News.

Creditors won't close the \$139 million deal without signed contracts from the company's approximately 15 unions, according to Bob Hall, their chief operating officer.

"They have said emphatically that they will not close without all the CBA's (collective bargaining units)," said Hall, a one-time publisher of the Philadelphia newspapers who joined forces with the creditors. "From a risk standpoint, you really can't."

— Maryclaire Dale (AP)

Runaway Ohio convert gains legal US residency

COLUMBUS — A lawyer for a Christian convert who ran away from her parents says the now-18-year-old woman has gained permanent U.S. residency after living in Ohio as an illegal immigrant.

A lawyer for Rifqa Bary said Tuesday the Sri Lanka native can now start applying for a driver's license, Medicaid coverage and college scholarships.

Lawyer Kort Gatterdam says Bary got her permanent residency card last week and can apply for citizenship in five years.

Bary had sought the green card as she argued she could not reunite with her Muslim parents. She alleged they threatened her with harm for converting, and she fled Ohio to stay with a minister in Orlando, Fla.

Bary also sought legal residency to achieve health coverage as she battles uterine cancer.

— Andrew Welsh-Huggins (AP)

Kansas man charged with murdering teen

GREAT BEND, Kan. — A 36-year-old man who spent much of his adult life in prison was charged Tuesday with murdering a 14-year-old girl whose badly burned body was found behind an asphalt plant where he worked.

Adam Joseph Longoria was charged with capital murder, criminal sodomy, vehicular theft and vehicular burglary and in the August death of Alicia DeBolt. During the hearing in Barton County Court, Longoria stood with his fists leaning on the table in front of him and started frequently at Alicia's family. Asked by the judge if he understood the charges, Longoria looked away from the judge and said, "Yeah."

— Bill Draper (AP)

Yellow jacket bees sting Mass. woman 500-plus times

ATTLEBORO, Mass. (AP) — Fire officials said a Massachusetts woman who fell onto a yellow jackets' nest in her yard was stung more than 500 times.

Capt. Tim Birch said firefighters used a carbon dioxide chemical fire extinguisher to blast the swarm of insects away Sunday, but it wasn't enough. Three firefighters were treated for stings.

Birch told The Sun Chronicle that even paramedics and emergency room personnel at Sturdy Memorial Hospital had to fight off the yellow jackets. He said the 53-year-old victim remains hospitalized. He did not have further information on her condition.

Firefighters went back to the Attleboro home to look for the hive but couldn't find it. They believe it is underground.

Protest over fatal shooting by LAPD turns violent

LOS ANGELES (AP)

— A protest over the fatal police shooting of a Guatemalan immigrant turned violent when some demonstrators threw bottles at officers, set trash cans on fire and refused to disperse.

Television news footage showed people tossing the bottles and plastic crates at officers in riot gear late Monday near MacArthur Park, a neighborhood with a large Central American population west of downtown.

Police declared the protest an unlawful assembly around 10 p.m. and ordered the dozens of protesters to disperse. The majority of the crowd cleared out, but a small number lingered and caused trouble, police spokesman Gregory Baek said.

BLOTTER

THURS., SEPT. 2

3:39 P.M.

A bicycle was reported stolen from a bike rack at Harshman Chapman Hall.

FRI., SEPT. 3

2:24 A.M.

Michelle Healey, of Bucyrus, Ohio, was cited for underage under the influence and disorderly conduct with persistence at McDonald East Hall.

SAT., SEPT. 4

1:50 A.M.

Tyler Keppler, of Hudson, N.Y., was cited for underage under the influence at the Union.

3:09 A.M.

Joshua Cavinder, of Anna, Ohio, and Ryan Carter, of Delaware, Ohio, were cited for underage under the influence at Conklin Hall.

3:48 A.M.

A laptop was reported stolen from Harshman Anderson Hall.

3:08 P.M.

Two kittens were found near Kohl Hall.

4:24 P.M.

An iPod and earphones were reported stolen near McDonald East Hall.

SUN., SEPT. 5

12:19 A.M.

Kyle Smith, of Walbridge, Ohio,

was cited for open container in a motor vehicle and consuming alcohol in a motor vehicle near the corner of Ridge and Summit streets.

2:33 A.M.

Ethan Welch, of Rawson, Ohio, was cited for underage under the influence, disorderly conduct and resisting arrest near North Enterprise Street.

3:49 A.M.

Landon Frankart, of McCutchenville, Ohio, was cited for underage under the influence on Clough Street.

11:33 P.M.

Carrie Gabel, of Fremont, Ohio, was cited for open container and littering near North Enterprise Street.

MON., SEPT. 6

12 A.M.

Jacob Clemens, of Stryker, Ohio, was cited for open container and consuming alcohol in a motor vehicle near Lot K.

2:58 A.M.

Kyle McGuillen, of Columbus, was cited for underage consumption on East Wooster Street.

5:01 A.M.

Ian Bruno, of Mountainside, N.J., was cited for underage consumption on Ridge Street.

Kenneth Lugo Jr., of Brunswick, Ohio, was cited for underage possession on Ridge Street.

7:43 P.M.

A television was reported stolen from Harshman Anderson Hall.

2:11 A.M.

Ramiro G. Arreola, 22, of Bowling Green, was cited for disorderly conduct near Lot 1.

11:50 P.M.

Elliott D. Barraza, 21, of Ottawa, Ohio, was cited for drug abuse/marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia within the 200 block of N. Main St.

David Lee Garner, 21, of Bowling Green, was cited for open container in a motor vehicle and possession of drug paraphernalia within the 200 block of N. Main St.

Amber L. Guerra, 21, of Ottawa, Ohio, was cited for possession of drug paraphernalia within the 200 block of N. Main St.

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Conversations About Unionization

Faculty members with questions about unionization are invited to join Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost Ken Borland for an informal discussion at one of the following forums.

Thursday, Sept. 9

9-10 a.m.
1001 Cedar Point Center,
BGSU Firelands

Thursday, Sept. 9

2-3 p.m.
228 Bowen-Thompson
Student Union

Tuesday, Sept. 14

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
308 Bowen-Thompson
Student Union

Tuesday, Sept. 14

5-6 p.m.
1007 College of Business
Administration Annex

Wednesday, Sept. 15

3-4 p.m.
221 West Hall

Thursday, Sept. 16

8-9 a.m.
308 Bowen-Thompson
Student Union

Monday, Sept. 20

2-3 p.m.
201 Bowen-Thompson
Student Union

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Colorado firefighters to step up attack on Boulder blaze

By Dan Elliott and
P. Solomon Banda
The Associated Press

BOULDER, Colo. — Firefighters ramped up their fight Tuesday against a wild-fire that forced about 3,000 people to flee their homes as the wind-whipped blaze filled the surrounding canyon with heavy smoke and spit flames.

The 3,500-acre fire in the foothills outside Boulder has destroyed dozens of homes, according to a fire marshal, including some that belonged to firefighters. No injuries have been reported.

Calmer winds were in the forecast and authorities planned to dump two to three times the amount of fire retardant from the

air than they did Monday, when gusty winds grounded air tankers for much of the day, Boulder County sheriff's Cmdr. Rick Brough said.

Brett Haberstick, a fire marshal with the Sunshine Fire Protection District, said Monday that the fire destroyed dozens of homes, but Brough had no details Tuesday on exactly how many may have been lost.

The blaze broke out in Four Mile Canyon north-west of Boulder and rapidly spread across 5 1/2 square miles or 3,500 acres. Erratic 45-mph gusts sometimes sent the fire in two directions at once. Brough said there is no indication it was intentionally set.

Crews managed to save the historic town of Gold Hill,

including an old West grocery store and structures once used for stagecoach stops. But firefighters in the area had to relocate their engines and equipment several times to avoid the flames.

Four homes belonging to firefighters were destroyed. Those firefighters were allowed to leave to attend to their families and personal affairs, said Laura McConnell, a spokeswoman for the fire management team.

Nancy Engellenner and her husband Philip Helper assume their house was lost because so much was destroyed in the surrounding area.

"The way the wind was, it was just spitting flames everywhere," Engellenner said.

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Gunman in uniform kills 2 US soldiers in Iraq

BAGHDAD — A gunman wearing an Iraqi army uniform killed two American soldiers Tuesday in northern Iraq, the U.S. military said. They were the first American soldiers killed since the U.S. officially ended combat operations in the country last week.

The Americans were among a group of U.S. soldiers meeting with Iraqi security forces at an Iraqi army compound near the city of Tuz Khormato, about 130 miles (210 kilometers) north of Baghdad. The gunman was shot and killed.

The attack demonstrated the danger U.S. troops continue to face even after President Barack Obama officially declared an end to U.S. combat on Aug. 31 as part of his plan for withdrawing all American forces by the end of 2011. Despite the declaration, U.S. forces continue to be drawn into the fighting in Iraq.

— Rebecca Santana (AP)

Abbas asks US to step into settlement dispute

RAMALLAH, West Bank — Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas said he has asked the U.S. to settle a dispute with Israel over settlement expansion that is threatening to derail Mideast peace talks.

Israel's 10-month partial freeze on new construction in West Bank settlements ends Sept. 26, and Israeli officials have indicated they will not extend the freeze as is. Abbas has said he'll quit peace talks with Israel unless the restrictions remain in place.

Abbas said late Monday that he has asked the U.S. "to intervene in the settlement issue."

The Obama administration has promised an active role in the talks, Abbas told reporters accompanying him on his way back from Washington, where direct negotiations were launched last week after a hiatus of nearly two years.

— Mohammed Daraghme (AP)

Iran says it has the right to bar UN inspectors

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran's nuclear chief said Tehran has the right to bar some U.N. inspectors from monitoring its disputed nuclear program, the semi-official ISNA news agency reported.

Ali Akbar Salehi's late Monday comments were apparently in response to a report by the International Atomic Energy Agency, or IAEA, expressing alarm about Iran's decision to bar some of its inspectors.

The report followed Iran's recent decision to strip two inspectors of the right to monitor its nuclear activities after they reported what they said were undeclared nuclear experiments.

ISNA also quoted Salehi as saying Iran asked the agency to replace the two and that it has accepted the replacements.

— Nasser Karimi (AP)

Colombia orders arrest of reporter in rebel case

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — A Colombian court has ordered the arrest of a well-known journalist based in Venezuela on charges he conspired with leftist rebels.

Prosecutors accuse William Parra of crimes including financing terrorist activities and sedition.

Parra was press secretary for then-Colombian President Ernesto Samper in the 1990s and has recently worked with Telesur, the regional TV network backed by Venezuela's leftist government.

Prosecutors said they have e-mails Parra exchanged with Raul Reyes, a rebel commander killed in 2008. They said that in one, Reyes asks Parra to buy missiles in the Middle East.

Parra issued a communique Tuesday declaring his innocence. There appears to be no evidence Parra ever tried to buy missiles.

Somalis scramble to escape fighting in capital

KAKUMA, Kenya — Fighting in the Somali capital has killed more than 230 people in the past two weeks and fleeing civilians are so desperate they are giving away their last possessions for seats on a bus out of the city, U.N. officials said Tuesday.

The continuous fighting started Aug. 23 after the militant group al-Shabab threatened a "massive" war against government forces, who are backed by African Union peacekeepers.

The U.N. says some 230 people have been killed, 400 wounded and at least 23,000 displaced since fighting began and that civilians who remained were too frightened to venture out for food.

On Tuesday, three civilians were killed in Somalia's capital of Mogadishu and 23 others were wounded, said ambulance service director Ali Muse.

— Katharine Houreld (AP)

Australian Labor Party wins enough support to rule

CANBERRA, Australia — Australian Prime Minister Julia Gillard barely retained power on Tuesday when the last two independent legislators made kingmakers by deadlocked elections ended a tense 17-day standoff and agreed to join her government. Her next challenge? Keeping the unlikely bedfellows of her coalition together.

Gillard managed to persuade sufficient independent lawmakers to support her center-left Labor Party to form the first minority government in the House of Representatives in 67 years.

Australia's first female prime minister promised the government will be stable over the next three years, although the defection of a single lawmaker would bring down her administration. While Labor expels lawmakers for failing to vote along party lines, Gillard must get three disparate independent lawmakers plus one from the Greens party to support her legislative agenda.

— Rod McGuirk (AP)

World War II-era mass grave discovered in Slovenia

By Ali Zerdin
The Associated Press

LJUBLJANA, Slovenia — The bodies of about 700 people killed in the wake of World War II have been discovered in a mass grave in Slovenia, 65 years after they were herded into the woods and slain by antifascists seeking revenge on Nazi collaborators, an official said Tuesday.

Marko Strovs, who heads the government's commis-

sion for exhuming mass graves, told The Associated Press that researchers examined a pit in a forest near the town of Prevalje in the country's northeast last week and found the remains.

"Based on what we've heard from local people and what we've seen so far, there could be about 700 bodies buried inside," Strovs said.

Thousands of Nazi collaborators were executed by communist-backed antifascists

after the war; in many cases, victims also included innocent civilians. Communist authorities in the former Yugoslavia, which included Slovenia until it dissolved in 1991, played down or denied postwar slayings, though other mass graves have since been found.

Strovs said the 21-meter (70-foot)-long by 3-meter (10-foot)-wide pit contains the bodies of men and women. Initial findings are

that their hands were tied behind their backs.

"Some of the victims were shot; some seem to have been killed by a tool, possibly an ax," he said, adding that at least some of the victims were civilians, based on the types of shoes they were wearing.

Details of the 1945 slaying in the Prevalje forest have circulated in the area for years, after a boy reportedly witnessed the executions

while hiding in a tree. He has since died, but recent floods caused a landslide that revealed some of the bones, prompting last week's probe. Some of the victims were likely from neighboring Austria, local residents said.

The process of exhumation will begin once a district prosecutor approves it.

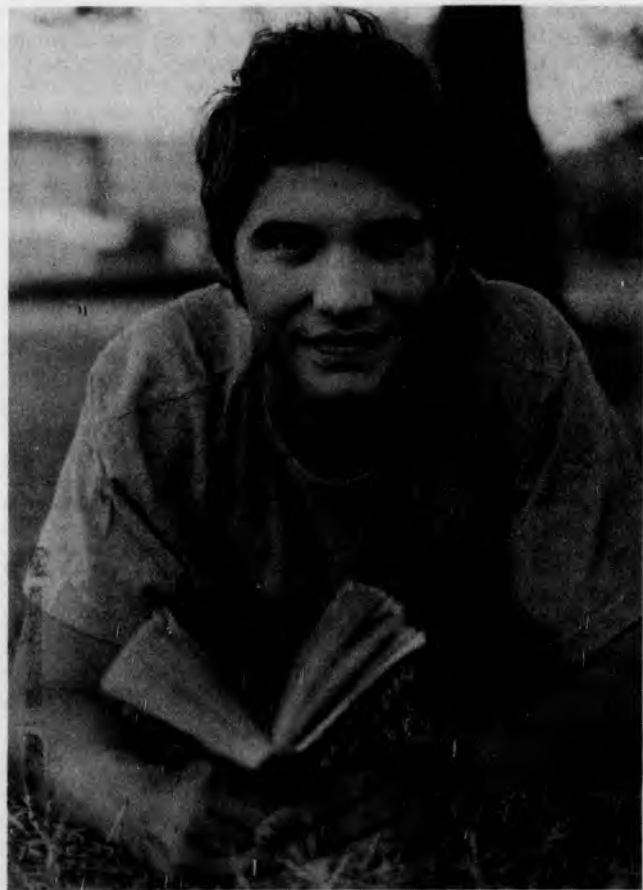
The discovery follows several others. In 2003, a farmer unearthed remains in eastern Slovenia, where

villagers claimed hundreds of Nazi soldiers and civilians were killed and buried. In 1999, experts found a grave with about 1,000 bodied while building a highway near Maribor in northeastern Slovenia.

Slovenia was a route to the West for many from Yugoslavia who tried to flee post-war reprisals. Many were turned back from Austria and killed as they crossed back over the border.

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PEOPLE ON THE STREET What's your least favorite fashion trend?



"Multiple popped collars."
JAMES SULLIVAN, Senior, Computer Science



"Crocs."
KEVIN HUME, Sophomore, Middle Childhood Ed.



"When girls wear leggings under Softe shorts."
STEPHANIE LOY, Sophomore, Exercise Education



"I hate when girls wear spandex as jeans."
JIMMY HILL, Sophomore, Undecided

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Keep Uggs, sandals with socks at home during warm weather



JAMES BERO
COLUMNIST

It's really warm outside today. I'm going to wear my Softe shorts with my Ugg Boots. That will look cute.

What is wrong with you? Are you still drunk from last night's party?

The question of, "What shoes should I wear with this?" will be a question that will follow us for the rest of our lives, at least until we are too old to bend over and tie our shoes.

At the University, we experience rapidly changing seasons. Some days it may be sunny and 85 degrees, and the next day it's windy with a high of 55. Some students are good at picking the right type of shoes to match the weather and season, while others still seem to be confused on what type of shoe is acceptable. There are two particular issues that seem to be prevalent in terms of footwear faux pas.

First, never wear Ugg boots in the warm seasons. Some may argue that the Ugg Company advertises Uggs with shorts. Yes, they do. That

is called high fashion. Your Softe shorts and raggedy T-shirts are not high fashion, and in no means should be worn with Uggs.

For all who may be unaware, Uggs are lined with sheepskin. Naturally, they are going to create a personal sauna for your feet if you're wearing them in the warm months, and not only do you look ridiculous, but your feet are sweating like k.d. lang at a Christian singles dance.

To put it simply, don't wear your Ugg boots with anything other than jeans, cargo pants, or corduroy.

The next footwear mistake I have witnessed at the University is wearing socks with sandals. Are you serious? What's the point?

Sandals and flip-flops were designed to be worn without socks, and are meant to be worn in the warmer months, not while the temperature calls for sneakers or boots.

Putting socks on with your sandals does not compensate for the cold weather, and just like those sad pantless girls running around in leggings, you too are at risk of frostbite.

Let me tell you, wearing socks with sandals is about

"Sandals and flip-flops were designed to be worn without socks ..."

as sexy as a pocket protector. If you are wearing Velcro strap sandals with your white knee-high socks, that is a clear indicator that you are on track to becoming a 40-year-old virgin.

Please do not wear socks with sandals or flip-flops. Save yourself the humiliation and put on sneakers or another suitable kind of footwear. If it is too cold to be wearing your sandals or flip-flops without socks, then you should not be wearing them at all. If it is warm enough to wear flip-flops and sandals and you are still wearing them with socks, it looks incredibly bad. People are staring and not in a flattering manner.

Picking acceptable footwear for your outfit is fun and easy. With a little bit of common sense and fear of public humiliation, one can truly find the perfect shoe for their outfit that looks great and does not break any fashion rules.

Campus Fest WINNERS

Here are the five closest guesses of how many Skittles were in a jar at The BG News table

Actual Skittle amount: 826

1. Rutika Puranik - 860
2. Jared Hite - 756
3. Grant Klosterman - 900
4. Brittney Gnepper - 900
5. Hunter Phillips - 738

Come claim your prize in 204 West Hall

Anti-Muslim Christian center does not heal wounds from 9/11

By Daniel Renfrow The University of Texas (The Daily Cougar)
College News Network

As the debate over Park51, the planned Islam community center continues, debate over the planned "9/11 Christian Center" has yet to begin. The \$8 million center will be located just two blocks from Ground Zero.

Sound familiar?

Bill Keller, an evangelical pastor from Florida who is no stranger to controversy, will head the center. Keller's previous claim to fame came in 2008 when he told his congregation that voting for then-presidential contender Mitt Romney was akin to voting for

Satan (because of Romney's Mormon faith). Keller calls his center, "A Christian response to the Ground Zero Mosque."

But what kind of response will this center offer? Will it be a place for interfaith dialogue, as Park51 is slated to be? Or will it instead be a breeding ground for Islamophobia? In his ominously titled, "The Coming Showdown Between Islam and Christianity," Keller wrote the following statement, published in a daily devotional on his website liveprayer.com:

"The fact is, Muhammad was a murdering pedophile who dreamed up his false God, 'Allah', and the false religion of Islam out of a heart that rejected the one true God of

the Bible," Keller wrote.

Keller is a xenophobic pedagogue who dreamed up the idea for a Christian center near Ground Zero to further his hateful and inherently un-Christian message. How does mocking the Muslim religion in any way honor those who died on 9/11? Furthermore, how will a man who espouses such hatred help 9/11 families heal?

If we are ever going to heal as a nation, we must first forgive. I'm not saying we should try to forget what happened on 9/11. I am merely saying that we must recognize that the men who crashed the planes into the World Trade Center on 9/11 did so in defense of an idea that is not shared by all Muslims. People like Keller would have you believe that every one of the 1.5 billion Muslims with whom we share the world are closeted jihadists. This belief

sounds laughable until one realizes that it is a belief held by many Americans.

These people fail to recognize there are many sects of Islam, and that these sects have radically different views on how the Quran should be interpreted. A comparison can be made between the ideological differences between the various denominations of the Christian faith. If a fundamentalist Christian were to blow up an abortion center, would you expect protests to take place outside of an Episcopalian church? Of course not. The Muslims behind Park51 belong to the Sufi sect of Islam. Their views are so moderate that they themselves have been the targets of Islamic extremism.

In July of this year, three suicide bombers attacked a Sufi shrine in Pakistan killing 41 people. If the Sufis

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were really in cahoots with Islamic terrorists, as people like Newt Gingrich would have you believe, then why are terrorists attacking their holy sites?

Park51's Imam Abdul Rauf gave an interview to the New York Times in which he said the following:

"Fanaticism and terrorism have no place in Islam. That's just as absurd as associating Hitler with Christianity, or David Koresh with Christianity. There are always people who will do peculiar things and think that they are doing things in the

name of their religion."

It is not to be mistaken; the threat of radical Islam is very real. One only has to look at what is going on in Europe to become aware of this. However, if we sacrifice the principles of our founding fathers in our fight against radical Islam we have already lost. There will be a solution to the threat of radical Islam here in the United States, but that solution should be one that is uniquely American. It should not be a solution that causes us to sacrifice our devotion to religious freedom and tolerance.

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Pharmacy heists rise due to painkiller popularity

By Justin Juozapavicius
The Associated Press

GLENPOOL, Okla. — Less than a couple months after Nick Curtin opened a pharmacy in suburban Tulsa in 2008, the store was burglarized twice in one week. And just last year a masked man robbed him at gunpoint, making off with 1,800 pills.

Curtin admits it could easily happen again, and there's not much he can do to stop it.

"It's one of those things; there's only so many things you can do," he said.

Across the country, pharmacy robberies are on the rise, partly because of the increasing demand for prescription drugs, according to law enforcement officers and industry officials. Prescription painkillers rank second behind marijuana as the country's most common illegal drug problem, according to the Office of National Drug Control Policy.

There are no official num-

bers on how many pharmacies are robbed each year nationwide. The federal government does not track them and states vary in how they classify the crimes: some are logged as break-ins, others as drug thefts. But federal drug officials, drug companies, pharmacies, state authorities and local police departments nationwide all said they've noticed an increase in recent years.

"It's not surprising that pharmacies have become the object of crime, given the popularity of prescription drugs," said Barbara Carreno, a Drug Enforcement Administration spokeswoman. "Communities must take this threat as seriously as the threat posed by street drugs like heroin and cocaine."

Robbers hold up pharmacies in upscale neighborhoods and those full of blight. Stores sitting just off highways and nestled in towns small and large have been hit. The most valuable pills are the heavy painkillers that on the street

"It's just unfortunate that people who have become addicted to drugs, they know where they can get a source of a reliable high."

Nick Curtin | Store owner

can go for up to \$60 a tablet.

"It's just unfortunate that people who have become addicted to drugs, they know where they can get a source of a reliable high," Curtin said.

In Ohio, officials say the problem is mainly armed robbery of pharmacies. There were 32 in 2007 and that more than doubled to 68 in 2008, according to state records.

In Oklahoma only one pharmacy reported an armed robbery in 2007, but that shot to 12 in 2008. Last year, there were 19. Burglaries went from 31 in 2007 to 42 in 2008. In 2009, the tally was 51, according to the Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control.

"There isn't any doubt we've seen a spike in the past five

years or so in pharmacy break-ins," said Mark Woodward, spokesman for the bureau.

Missouri has also seen more drug thefts at pharmacies in the past few years, said Mike Boeger, administrator of the Missouri Bureau of Narcotics & Dangerous Drugs.

In 2007, the state received 518 drug theft reports; in 2008, it logged 606. Then in 2009, the number dipped to 490, but through August of this year, Missouri has received 360 reports, and Boeger said that would put the state back on track to have well over 500 by the year's end.

In many of those cases, the employees are the thieves, Boeger said. One girl stole more than 49,000 doses of

the painkiller hydrocodone before getting caught.

"They're stealing us blind every day," Boeger said. "Hundreds of thousands of doses."

One high-profile pharmacy case was in Oklahoma last year in which a pharmacist Jerome Ersland pulled a gun on two robbers. Ersland shot one, a 16-year-old boy, in the head, and chased the other away. He returned to the store and pumped five more bullets into the teenager, which the coroner said were the fatal shots. Ersland's awaiting trial for first-degree murder and he says he acted in self-defense.

More common incidents are like the one in Missoula, Mont. where a woman demanded all the oxycontin and oxycodone in the store and made off with 1,900 pills worth about \$35,000 on the street; or the teenager in Boynton Beach, Fla., who ordered six people to the ground at gunpoint and fled with more than 1,500 painkillers.

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Tuesday was still nerve-racking.

"I am a little frightened, because it is my blood they're taking out," he said. "I did a double (Tuesday), but it goes to people who need it, and if they can take the time to pester me to give blood then I can donate."

Universities are typically big donors for the Red Cross, Haynes said.

Senior Michelle Lehr has participated in most of the blood drives offered here since her freshman year.

"I have given blood about 16 times before in the past," Lehr said. "Generally every time they come to campus I donate blood, and it's not really frightening for me, because I don't look at the needle."

The sponsors for this blood drive were the Red Cross Club and the Men of the Delta Epsilon Chapter of Omega Psi Phi.

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Copper Beech is when capacity started to change."

Quinn said these larger complexes are able to keep the most of their units filled, while the single family housing near campus is taking more of a hit at the moment.

"Right now, I just don't know exactly where this could be heading. We want landlords to be healthy, and hopefully if

this year's freshmen students stay in school our vacancy percentage will change," Quinn said. "Hopefully, more students will want to live in apartments off campus and will do so. It'll take about three to four years to lower the 17.4 percentile we're at, so the city is excited to see such high rates of enrollment at the University right now."

When apartments are experiencing such high vacancy percentages, the rates in rent become more

stable and lowers the chances of rent increasing, Quinn said. In years to come that will be good news for students because they'll be able to actually shop around for a place rather than settle signing a lease early on in the year.

"If the percentage does not go down within the next couple years, then the city will have to adapt to the effects it will have on the tax situation for residents in Bowling Green," Quinn said.

FACULTY

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munications for the FA, said the FA is also planning many events for the weeks prior to the election. These include a chapter meeting at Firelands campus in Huron, Ohio, a tailgating booth at the football home opener and a Black

Swamp Arts Festival open house called "Chomp at the Swamp."

"We wanted to provide social events with a relaxed atmosphere where people can stop by, talk and ask us questions," Craigo said. "We're also planning on having a ballot party, where faculty can all come together in a group during the election window and take

our ballots to the mailbox as a group."

Despite administrative opposition, FA members are remaining optimistic for the upcoming election, she said.

"We want to be positive and we consider our message to be positive," Craigo said. "We'd like a voice and that's what collective bargaining provides more than anything else."

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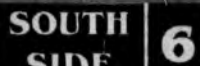
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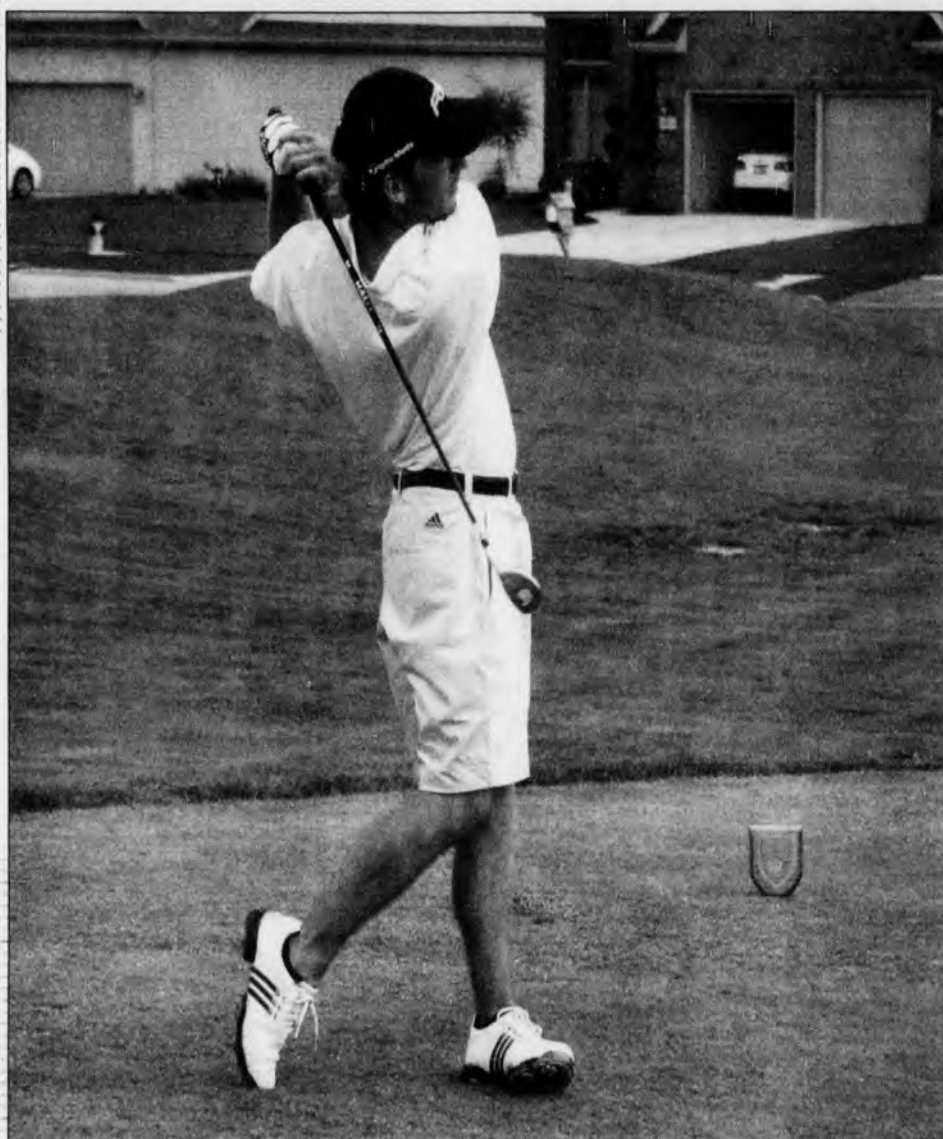
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Golf places third in New York



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SWING: A BG golfer tees off during a tournament last year. The team placed third at the Tiger Intercollegiate this past weekend.

Gates, Olsen each shoot nine over to lead BG

By Brendan Packert
Reporter

BG men's golf had an exciting start to their season, finishing third at the Tiger Intercollegiate in Verona, N.Y. over Labor Day weekend.

Purdue won the tournament with an overall team score of 897 (307-286-304), with host team Missouri finishing in second place with a team score of 900 (309-297-294).

The Falcons finished in a close third with an overall score of 903 (308-297-298).

"I'm very pleased with how the boys played out there," said coach Garry Winger. "The course was challenging and the weather was not the best to play in."

Winger described that the winds would reach up to 20-30 mph, and cold temperatures occurred all weekend.

"Wes [Gates] and Charlie [Olson] played great," Winger said. "It was a great start for Charlie to finish so well in his first tournament with the team."

Charlie Olson, a sophomore transfer student from Hope College, shot a +9 overall (76-72-77) finishing tied for 10th place. This was Olson's first tournament with the Falcons, and he was pleased with his results.

"I had a real great time playing with the team," Olson said. "It was awesome to finish in the top 10 in my first tournament, and as a team we were only just a few shots off."

Olson's teammate, sophomore



Wes Gates
Co-led the Falcons with a +9 over the weekend



Jakob Zeigler
Oakland sophomore finished first overall in the tournament

Wes Gates, also shot a +9 overall (77-77-71). Gates, Olson and three others tied for 10th place at the tournament.

Jakob Zeigler of Oakland University finished in first place with a total score of 215 (73-71-71), -1 overall. Zeigler was the only player to finish the tournament under par.

"We played one of the tougher fields we'll play all year," Gates said. "Purdue and Missouri are both really good teams, and it felt good that we were able to hang with them through the end."

"We were capable of playing some really good golf this weekend," Winger said. "We were just six shots off Purdue, but I'm still proud of the boys."

Because NCAA rules require teams to take a day off after each tournament, BG will look to regroup Wednesday for the Marshall Invitational in Huntington, W. Va. Monday and Tuesday.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Men's basketball to hold second Basket-Bowl

The BGSU men's basketball team will hold the second annual Basket-Bowl, courtesy of Al-Mar Lanes, on Sunday, Nov. 7 from 2-5 p.m.

Fans will get the opportunity to bowl three games with players from the BG men's basketball team, stars of old, and coaches. Every bowler will receive a T-shirt as well as pizza, soda, breadsticks and salad. The cost is \$150 for individuals or \$750 to sponsor a lane.

See bgsufalcons.com for additional details on the event.

Geter climbing BG career rushing list



With 93 yards on Saturday against Troy, Willie Geter moved to 19th on the school's all-time rushing list with 1,531 yards.

Geter needs only 38 yards this weekend against Tulsa to leap to 16th on the school's all-time list, and has a chance to climb much higher as the season progresses.

If he is able to duplicate the 705 yards he rushed for last season, which were a career high, he would crack the top-10 at 8th all-time.

After one game, he is on pace to rush for 1,116 yards, which would put him fourth on the list.

In his last game against Tulsa, the 2008 GMAC Bowl, Geter ran the ball only five times for six yards.

Falcons defeated in dual meet with rival Toledo

By Jamar Lark
Reporter

The BG men's cross country team opened the 2010 season last Friday by falling to archrival Toledo in their annual dual meet.

The Rockets' Nick Thomas, Jacob Barnes, Jon DeWitt and Elisha Kipchumba took the top four spots in the meet to claim the team title, 46-17.

"We were not happy with the outcome of the race," said BG coach Cami Paulson. "I felt we ran an average race as a team with a lot of areas we need to improve on in the future."

"This was a good test for the team to see where we are at this point and what we need to work on."

Cami Paulson | BG coach

BG's Chris Moody and Jason Salyer finished with identical times of 15:45, just two seconds behind Kipchumba.

Graduate student Rob Kelvey and senior Jesse Smuda rounded

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Results: top three finishers from Toledo and BG

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Jacob Barnes 15:37

Jon DeWitt 15:41



Jon DeWitt

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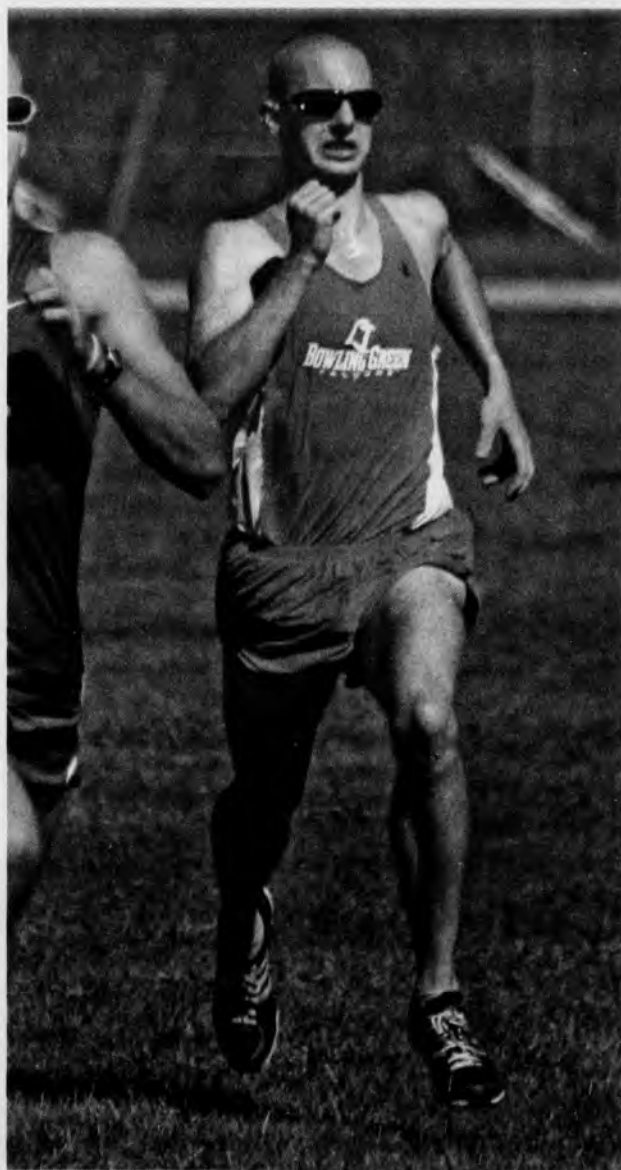
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Greg Black 16:26



Jason Salyer



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RUN: Ben Leininger runs in the Mel Brodt Invitational last fall.

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Cooper's return recognized
For his 63-yard punt return touchdown against Troy, Eugene Cooper was named punt returner honorable mention by the College Football Performance Award.

ATHLETES OF WEEK

Rosales, Penrod honored by BG
Soccer goalie Miguel Rosales and volleyball setter Paige Penrod were named the Papa John's BGSU athletes of the week for their efforts this past week in their respective tournaments.



Boise State gaining ground on Alabama, Ohio State in AP Poll

Broncos move into third place after racking up big win against Virginia Tech Monday night

By Ralph D. Russo
The Associated Press

More AP Top 25 voters are buying into Boise State as the No. 1 team in the country.

Boise State gained seven first-place votes and closed in on No. 1 Alabama and No. 2 Ohio State as the top three teams in the first regular season Associated Press football poll held their spots from the preseason.

The Broncos remained third after a thrilling 33-30 victory against Virginia Tech on Monday night, receiving eight first-place votes and 1,399 points from the media panel, 13 points behind the Buckeyes.

Ohio State received four first-place votes and 1,412 points.

Alabama had 47 first-place votes, down seven from the preseason poll, and 1,484 points in the

rankings released Tuesday.

TCU from the Mountain West Conference moved up two spots to No. 4, marking the first time since the Bowl Championship Series was implemented in 1998 that two teams from conferences without automatic BCS bids have been in the top five. Boise State is the defending Western Athletic Conference champion.

Texas remained No. 5 and received one first-place vote.

No. 8 Florida dropped four spots after a sloppy 34-12 victory against Miami (Ohio) and No. 10 Oklahoma fell three places after beating Utah State 31-24.

The rest of the top 10 is Nebraska at No. 6, followed by Oregon, which moved up four spots after beating New Mexico 72-0. Iowa is No. 9.

No. 13 Virginia Tech dropped three spots after

Boise State scored a touchdown with 1:09 left to beat the Hokies at FedEx Field in Landover, Md.

Falling out of the rankings after close opening losses were Pittsburgh and North Carolina. Moving in were No. 23 South Carolina and No. 24 Stanford.

But the big story is Boise State and the Broncos very well could be the talk of college football all season.

They entered Monday with their best preseason ranking and a legitimate chance to be national championship contenders — if they could beat the Hokies and then flawlessly navigate a schedule with no games more difficult than the first.

Boise State jumped to a 17-0 first-quarter lead, watched that lead evaporate, then needed a two-minute drill capped by a 13-yard touch-

down pass from Kellen Moore to Austin Pettis to win its 15th straight game.

"This was no fluke," said voter Brett McMurphy of AOL Fanhouse, who had Boise State No. 1 this week. "The Broncos' outgained Virginia Tech and hung 33 on the Hokies. The last two teams to score more than 30 against (defensive coordinator) Bud Foster's defense—Alabama in 2009 and LSU in 2007—went on to win the national title."

The Broncos have finished the last two regular seasons with perfect records, but neither time was it enough to earn them a spot in the national championship game. They were beaten out by teams from the so-called power conferences with BCS automatic bids, teams like Alabama from the Southeastern Conference and Ohio State from the Big Ten.

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Browns' rookie running back Montario Hardesty lost for season with torn ACL

By Tom Withers
The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — The Browns understood that drafting Montario Hardesty was risky.

Now they know how risky.

Cleveland general manager Tom Heckert said the team was comfortable with its medical reports and evaluations of Hardesty, who tore his left anterior cruciate ligament in the Browns' final exhibition game on Thursday and is out for the season.

Making his pro debut after missing training camp with a bone bruise in his right knee, Hardesty tore his ACL while making a cut on a routine 2-yard run. Hardesty tore his right ACL in 2005 and needed surgery during his freshman season at Tennessee.

He slid into the second round — the Browns traded three picks to select him at No. 59 overall — partly because of his knee issues.

Heckert said the club was confident in its pre-draft medical evaluations of Hardesty, who gained 25 yards on seven carries with a touchdown before getting hurt.

"We spent a lot of time with our doctors and felt comfortable (drafting him)," Heckert said on a teleconference on Monday. "It's a blow."

Heckert said doctors believe Hardesty will make a full recovery after he has surgery, which has not yet been scheduled.

"We're comfortable he's going to come back and be fine," he said.

Heckert would not comment on whether Hardesty underwent microfracture surgery on his knee in 2006.

"I don't want to get into that," he said, when the subject was raised. "I'm not real sure. I can't answer that."

Heckert said he had no regrets about Hardesty playing in Cleveland's last preseason game. He talked it over with coach Eric Mangini and president Mike Holmgren and all felt it was time to see Hardesty play after he was cleared by the team's medical staff.

"Montario was on board as well," Heckert said. "It was just one of those things that happens."

With Hardesty, projected as Cleveland's starter, out

for the season, the Browns' running back position is likely to be a committee of Jerome Harrison, Peyton Hillis and James Davis, whose roster spot appeared uncertain before Hardesty got hurt.

Heckert praised both Davis and Hillis, who was acquired from Denver in the March trade for quarterback Brady Quinn.

One day after finalizing his first 53-man roster since taking over in Cleveland, Heckert had other observations and comments:

He expects nose tackle Shaun Rogers to practice this week in advance of the Sept. 4 season opener at Tampa Bay. Rogers, a three-time Pro Bowler and Cleveland's best defensive player, missed all of training camp and the four exhibitions while recovering from a leg injury.

Heckert said linebacker D'Qwell Jackson may be ahead of schedule as he recovers from a strained chest muscle. Jackson injured his pectoral muscle during camp. It's the opposite muscle from the one he tore last season. Jackson is one of 12 linebackers currently on Cleveland's roster.

LOSS

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out the top five for the Falcons with times of 16:32 and 16:39, respectively.

UT's Thomas was victorious in the 5K event of the meet, finishing with a strong time of 15:29, nearly 0.08 seconds behind UT's Barnes.

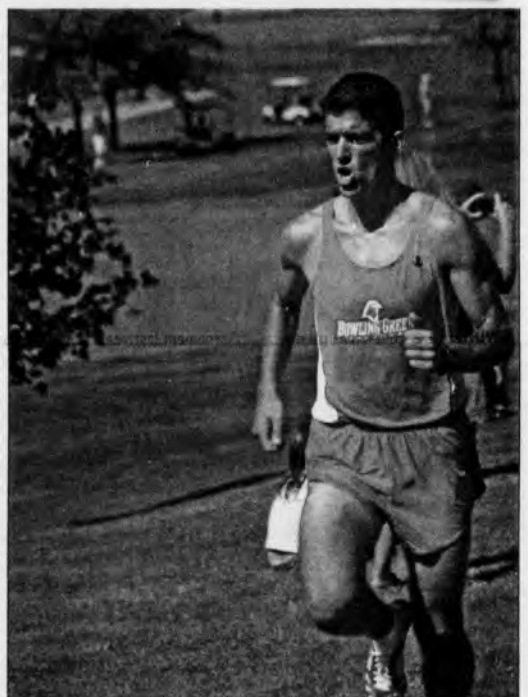
The debuts of freshmen Greg Black and Luke Zerkle were successful.

Black finished 10th with a time of 16:26, while Zerkle finished in 16:42.

"We had some guys race well, but too many raced tentatively or lost focus (and) intensity during the race," Paulson said. "This was a good test for the team to see where we are at this point and what we need to work on."

The Falcons will remain home this weekend when they host the Mel Brodt Invitational Saturday at 11:30 a.m.

"The men are excited to compete in our first 8k this weekend and continue to work hard in practice in preparation," Paulson said.



FOCUS: Christopher Moody runs in a meet last fall.

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Unionization and BGSU

The faculty members of Bowling Green State University have a critical decision to make about their future and the future of our University as they prepare to vote on forming a faculty union. The administration of BGSU feels strongly that a labor union will not advance the mission of BGSU, and will, in fact, impede progress that is under way. As you weigh this decision, we ask that you consider the following:

By definition, collective bargaining leads to the loss of individuality.

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- > Mutually agreed upon individual solutions tailored to address individual situations may not be allowed. For matters within the contract - which can be broad and not always apparent - the union makes all decisions for all employees. That decision need not be the one that is in the best personal interest of an individual faculty member, department or school, or college.

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A class to die for: Zombies 101 at U. Baltimore

BALTIMORE (AP) — Call it Zombies 101.

The University of Baltimore is offering a new class on the undead.

The course is being taught by Arnold Blumberg, the author of a book on zombie movies, "Zombieman," and the curator of Geppi's Entertainment Museum, which focuses on American pop culture.

Students taking English 333 will watch 16 classic zombie films and read zombie comics. As an alternative to a final research paper they may write scripts or draw storyboards for their ideal zombie flicks.

The university isn't the first to have a class on the undead. Columbia College in Chicago has offered a course on Zombies in popular media for years, and at Simpson College in Iowa students spent the spring semester writing a book on "The History of the Great Zombie War."

Bobcat climbing power pole starts 5-acre fire

PIRU, Calif. (AP) — A bobcat climbing a power pole got electrocuted and sparked a five-acre brush fire in California's Ventura County.

County fire Capt. Dan Preston told the Ventura County Star that the bobcat was apparently chasing an owl or another bird when it touched the power lines, caught fire and fell to the ground in a rural area near Piru.

The fire was reported at 3:36 a.m. Monday atop Torrey Peak. More than 40 firefighters extinguished the blaze about five hours later.

No homes were threatened and no one was hurt. The bobcat's charred body was found beneath the power lines.

NJ shore bumper sticker insults visitors

BRIGANTINE, N.J. (AP) — First it was Bennies, then Shoobies. Now there's another derogatory nickname for summer tourists who visit the Jersey shore: FOOTs.

It's an acronym for "Out Of Towners" preceded by an obscenity. Bumper stickers appeared on a few cars at Brigantine City Hall with the slogan "I Ain't No FOOT."

That prompted memos reminding city workers about appropriate behavior. Many locals have long resented summer visitors, blaming them for noise, trash and traffic, while overlooking the added revenue they bring. In northern shore towns, they're called Bennies (an acronym for "Bayonne, Elizabeth, Newark and New York" or variations thereof.) In the south, "Shoobies" refers to the days when New Yorkers and Philadelphians packed their lunch in shoe boxes for trips to the shore.

Diane von Furstenberg designs Ohio hospital gowns

CLEVELAND (AP) — Fashion designer Diane von Furstenberg has helped the Cleveland Clinic create a more stylish hospital gown without the peek-a-boo back.

The gown features elements associated with von Furstenberg designs — a wrap dress with a bold, graphic print. The clinic's logo is printed on the fabric.

The gown has side ties, which eliminate the embarrassing open-back look.

The Plain Dealer says the fabric was chosen to address a concern that patients were too warm in the hospital.

So designers had to find a material lightweight enough to be cool but tough enough to withstand frequent laundering and having monitors and drains pinned to it.

Using Che Guevara image riles some Cuban Americans

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Some Cuban Americans in south Florida are upset to see a picture of revolutionary Che Guevara promoting an irreverent car race.

The "24 Horas de Cuba del Norte" — or 24 Hours of Cuba of the North — is part of a national circuit of farical auto races called 24 Hours of LeMons. Drivers spend less than \$500 and race junk cars decorated like Halloween floats.

Other races in the circuit have names like "The Can't Get Bayou" in New Orleans and "The Rod Blagojevich Never-Say-Die 500" in Chicago.

But the use of Cuban revolutionary Guevara's image in the Dec. 30-31 race's logo crosses the line for some native Cubans. Critics say it's like using Ku Klux Klan imagery to advertise in the South.

Race organizers said they don't plan to change the campaign.

Police arrest man who scaled San Francisco tower

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — San Francisco police have arrested a man who scaled the exterior of a 58-story downtown skyscraper and unfurled an American flag at the top.

Police tell KCBS Radio that the man is veteran skyscraper climber Dan Goodwin. The 54-year-old Lake Tahoe resident's other climbing credits include Chicago's Sears Tower.

Goodwin used suction cups but no ropes to scale Millennium Tower, a 645-foot residential building overlooking San Francisco Bay. Police say he ignored orders to stop climbing.

The San Francisco Fire Department says Goodwin was too high to reach by the time firefighters got to the building.

City fights sagging pants style

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — A Baton Rouge Metro Council member wants the parish to support a public awareness campaign against men who wear their pants so low their boxer shorts show. Councilwoman C. Denise Marcelle has a slogan for the campaign: "Low pants, no chance."

"I hate to see it, and I see so much of it in my district," Marcelle said. "It's disrespectful to the elderly, to young kids and to women."

Her resolution, on the agenda for discussion Wednesday, said wearing saggy pants cre-

ates negative stereotypes and that "those who wear saggy pants are hurting their chances of becoming employable, educated and productive citizens."

Marcelle said she'd like to pass a law allowing police to cite and fine people for wearing saggy pants that expose their underwear, but recognizes that constitutional issues prevent such a law.

A public-awareness campaign is the next-best thing to try to get these young men to hitch up their pants, she said. Councilman Rodney

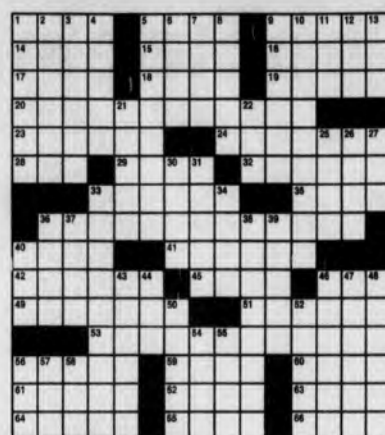
"How are you going to get a job with your pants down around your knees?"

Rodney Bourgeois | Councilman

"Smokie" Bourgeois and Councilwomen Donna Collins-Lewis and Ronnie Edwards said they support Marcelle's proposal.

"How are you going to get a job with your pants down around your knees?" Bourgeois asked.

The Daily Crossword Fix



ACROSS

- 1 Seize
- 5 Wife of Jacob
- 9 Center of Florida?
- 14 Move to a new city, briefly
- 15 Down-home music venue, familiarly
- 16 Dutch cheese
- 17 "The Good Earth" heroine
- 18 Nasty habit
- 19 20 Mule Team cleanser
- 20 Cellarmaster's vessel
- 23 Small-screen heartthrob
- 24 American or Continental
- 28 Cock and bull
- 29 Wedding symbol
- 32 In the warehouse
- 33 Like many wallets
- 35 Farm females
- 36 Response to sugar pills, perhaps
- 40 Wiener schnitzel meat
- 41 ___-faire: tact
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- 45 Inflection
- 46 Ukr. neighbor
- 49 Finished, as a deck
- 51 Imagined
- 53 It might have a massage setting
- 56 Expand, as a collection
- 59 Author Wiesel
- 60 Colorful horse
- 61 Lose one's cool
- 62 Those, in Tijuana
- 63 Mired, after "in"
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